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Energy Policy Act provides comprehensive strategy to reduce
dependence on foreign oil
Bill authorizes \$3.3 billion for hydrogen fuel cell technology

U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent lauded President Bush's signing Monday of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Congressman Dent supported the measure, which passed both the House and Senate before the August recess.

"This country is long overdue for an energy policy, and we need to address skyrocketing energy costs for Americans," Congressman Dent said. "This energy plan is comprehensive in its approach and is a bold step toward a future where America can meet its energy needs domestically, inexpensively and cleanly."

Congressman Dent, a leading Congressional proponent of developing hydrogen as a replacement for fossil fuels to power vehicles, particularly praised the bill's authorization of \$3.3 billion over four years to further the development of hydrogen fuel cell technology.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005:

- Reduces the demand for oil by increasing funding to improve fuel efficiency standards and encouraging the development of alternative sources of energy, including hydrogen;
- Encourages domestic production of oil by streamlining the permit process, promoting greater refining capacity, and curbing the proliferation of boutique fuels;
- Boosts production of clean natural gas to help lower soaring prices;

- Improves our nation's electricity transmission capability and reliability to prevent future blackouts;
- Promotes clean and renewable fuels by providing incentives for clean coal technology and other fuels such as biomass, wind, solar, and hydroelectricity;
- Encourages conservation by establishing new mandatory efficiency requirements for federal buildings, greater efficiency standards and product labeling for battery chargers, refrigerators, freezers, unit heaters, and other household products.

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